

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CUSTOMER NO. 22927

Applicants: Walker *et al.*
Application No.: 09/345,092
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Title: VENDING MACHINE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
ENCOURAGING THE PURCHASE OF PROFITABLE ITEMS

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Examiner: Tri V. Nguyen

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
to the Non-final Office Action mailed March 10, 2006**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Non-final Office Action mailed March 10, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Following the Amendment to the Specification section below is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application. A status identifier is provided for every claim and the current text of every claim is presented, unless the claim has been cancelled or not entered. Current amendments to the claims are expressed in the detailed listing by strikethrough or double brackets (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).